

## FEDERAL JUDGE SPEER NOT TO BE IMPEACHED

Southern Jurist, However, Is Not Completely Exonerated by Sub-Committee

### ADVISES CASE BE DROPPED

Special Investigators Report Their Findings to the House Judiciary Today

Washington, June 23.—The sub-committee regrets its inability to either recommend a complete acquittal of Judge Speer of all culpability so far as these charges are concerned, or the one hand, or an impeachment, on the other hand.

This was the conclusion submitted to the House judiciary committee today by the special sub-committee that for months has been investigating charges of official misconduct filed against Emory Speer, of Macon, federal judge for the southern district of Georgia.

The report, after an exhaustive resume of evidence with severe comments, held that some of Judge Speer's official actions "tend to approach a condition of tyranny and oppression," but recommended that no further proceedings be had by the House.

#### Put Up To Full Committee.

These conclusions now rest with the full committee on judiciary, which is expected to report them to the House for final disposition of the case before the adjournment of the present session of Congress. The sub-committee comprises Representatives Webb, North, Carolina, Fitzhugh, Illinois, Democrats, and Volstead, Minnesota, Republican.

Mr. Volstead in a minority report, similarly declaring that there is no evidence warranting impeachment, will attack the majority of the sub-committee for criticizing a judge they declare not guilty of any impeachable offense.

Nineteen charges were filed with the committee. They alleged, among other things, that Judge Speer entertained matters beyond his court's jurisdiction, allowed excessive trustee fees to a personal friend, used his official position for preferment of his son in law, A. H. Heyward, abused his authority by domestic use of government paid court employees, violated laws regarding drawing of jurors, and dissipated bankrupt estates by appointing unnecessary officials and allowing excessive fees.

Another charge was that, in the case of Henry Jamison, a Macon negro, Judge Speer defied the mandates of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Circuit Court of Appeals.

#### Liberal in Investigation.

The sub-committee's conclusions follow: "The conclusion of the sub-committee deduced from the evidence taken and from the construction of the precedents of impeachment trials, is that at the present time satisfactory evidence sufficient to support a conviction upon a trial by the Senate is not obtainable.

"In the conduct of the hearings the committee was extremely liberal and did not confine the witnesses to the giving of technically legal evidence. Much evidence of a hearsay nature was received. The committee felt justified in such a course in the light of the fact that it came to the attention of the committee that many witnesses were apprehensive of the consequences of giving evidence against Judge Speer in the event of his acquittal. This feeling and the general disposition on the part of individuals to protect themselves against what was termed the 'wrath' of Judge Speer kept from the committee the names of the witnesses and a knowledge of the facts in their possession. Many of the witnesses whose testimony would be absolutely necessary to sustain some of the charges made are dead. Others have removed from the southern district of Georgia and their whereabouts are unknown."

The Jamison case is one of many instances shown by the record where the judge, without taint of individual corruption and with the apparently laudable purpose of purifying the community and inaugurating a civic reform, disregarded the law and apparently considered that the end justified the means.

The record shows instances where the judge sitting in the trial of criminal cases, apparently freed of pleas of guilty from defendants or convictions, and there is strong evidence tending to show that in one case, at least, he forced innocent parties to enter such pleas through a fear of the consequences in the event of an unfavorable verdict at the hands of a jury presided over by the judge in the manner peculiar to himself.

"If Judge Speer's judicial acts in the future are marked by the rigorous and

## WOULD ABOLISH SO-CALLED PORK BARREL SYSTEM

Cabinet Approves Plan of Commission to Map Out Waterways Work

### FAVORS AMENDMENT TO BILL

Present Method of Making Appropriations Frowned Upon by Wilson's Advisors

Washington, June 23.—General approval of the amendment to the rivers and harbors bill for a government commission to map out a comprehensive plan for international waterway improvements was given at the cabinet meeting today. The amendment is designed to do away with the so-called "pork barrel" system of making rivers and harbors appropriations.

Reports were laid before the cabinet today showing that revolutionary conditions in Haiti are serious with no immediate solution in sight.

#### REQUEST IS RECEIVED FOR MAN'S VITAL ORGANS.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—One of the strangest cases ever filed in the Supreme court reached there on Saturday, when an appeal was docketed from a Maryland court order for the appointment of a receiver to take possession of the vital organs of a dead man for chemical examination.

The case grows out of the fight over the \$1,000,000 insurance carried by Edward O. Painter, a business man of Jacksonville, Fla., when he fell overboard from a ferryboat at Jacksonville, April 21, 1913, and was drowned.

His vital organs were sent by the family physicians to Baltimore for examination. Dr. Charles Glaser, in whose custody they were placed, was enjoined by an insurance company from turning the organs over to the widow and daughter for burial before the company, which had issued an accident policy to Painter, had an opportunity to examine them.

## ANOTHER COLLISION AT SEA; PASSENGERS SAFELY LANDED

Hamburg, June 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Koenigin and the German passenger steamer Cobora collided today. Both were damaged. The passengers were landed safely.

### QUEBEC EXTENDS WELCOME TO ITS NEW CARDINAL.

Quebec, June 23.—The Catholic clergy and laity of the entire Province joined today in the first of a series of demonstrations in honor of the arrival home of Cardinal Bevin, who recently journeyed to Rome for the formalities attendant upon his appointment to membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals. His Eminence was officially welcomed by Levis by a delegation which accompanied him to the city, where another reception awaited him. Tomorrow night a banquet is to be given in honor of the new Cardinal and the following night he is to be accorded a public reception at the City Hall.

## L. J. BEAUCHAMP, HUMORIST, TO DELIVER C. C. ADDRESS

The Copper Country Commercial club today closed negotiations with Lou J. Beauchamp, noted humorist and lecturer, to deliver the principal address at its annual meeting and banquet in Calumet Thursday evening.

Mr. Beauchamp has been on the lecture platform for a quarter-century and his reputation as a public speaker is country-wide. He has appeared in the copper country heretofore and the Commercial club doubtless will be heartily commended upon its selection.

### PARDON IS DENIED TO "BOSS" ABRAHAM RUEF

San Quentin, Cal., June 23.—On motion of Director Warren R. Porter, the state pardon board denied an application to parole Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, serving a fourteen-year term for bribery in connection with United Railroad franchises.

## "WHEN HIS SHIP COMES IN"



## "BRAINS RUN TO YOUR LEGS," WATTERSON TELLS GEN. ROSIE JONES, REFUSING TO DEBATE

Louisville, Ky., June 23.—"Declined with thanks," Such in substance is the reply made by Henry Watterson, veteran editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, to the challenge issued by Gen. Rosalie Jones that he debate with her the question of woman suffrage on the courthouse steps at St. Louis.

Gen. Jones, in issuing her challenge, said Watterson belonged to the "age or knee breeches and nice fluffy laces." The editor in reply refers to himself as "Foxy Grandpa" and to his challenge as "General, the Hon. Rosalie Jones of the Skywriting Post Marine." Watterson writes in part:

"Your brains, Rosie, if we may say it without offense, still run to your legs—naughty brains—for brains were made to think with and legs were made to walk with, and walking, not debating, has been, as may it ever be, your long suit, sweetheart."

## DECISION IS OF IMPORTANCE TO WHOLE COUNTRY

Distribution of Canal Benefits Put Up to the I. C. Commission

Washington, June 23.—That the distribution throughout the country of the benefits of the Panama canal will rest with the interstate commerce commission, and not with the trans-continental railroads, is one conclusion being drawn today from the supreme court's decision in the inter-mountain rate cases.

It has been generally claimed that the Panama canal would reduce freight rates from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast cities, and vice versa, but questions as to what extent the railroads might, at all interior points, share in the benefits of the water competition enjoyed by the seaboard cities, were in dispute. The court decided that the commission will answer those problems.

### MICHIGAN ELKS OPEN CONVENTION IN PETOSKEY.

Petoskey, Mich., June 23.—A large attendance marked the opening here today of the tenth annual convention of the Michigan Elks. Mayor Ditto delivered the greeting at the opening session this morning and Vice President Shirley Stewart responded for the visitors. Many notable features of entertainment have been prepared for the three days that the convention will be in session.

MRS. PENNYBACKER BETTER. South Bend, Ind., June 23.—Mrs. Percy Pennybacker, president-general of the Federation of Women's clubs, who suffered a nervous collapse at Mishawaka yesterday, is reported improved.

## VAUGHN MAKES EARNEST PLEA FOR HUMANITY

Average of Human Life Can Be Increased, He Tells Medics

Atlantic City, N. J., June 23.—At the first general session of the sixty-fifth annual convention of The American Medical Assn. today, Dr. Victor C. Vaughn was installed as president of the association, succeeding Dr. John A. Witherspoon of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Vaughn made "The Service of Medicine to Civilization" the subject of his inaugural address.

"In the last century the average of human life has been increased by fifteen years and this increase would be duplicated in the next twenty years," he said. "If the facts we now possess were effectively employed."

Depends on Scientific Investigation. "The further development of medicine, both curative and preventive, depend on scientific investigation. The public in every way encourage medical research. The federal government and the states should sustain and promote the scientific research. That government is the best way which secures for its citizens the greatest freedom from disease the highest degree of health and the longest life, and that people which most fully secures the enjoyment of these blessings will dominate the world."

### Slightly Removed From Barbarism.

"We boast of a great civilization, but this justified only within limits. The historian of the future will have no difficulty in convincing his readers that those who lived at the beginning of the twentieth century were but slightly removed from barbarism, as he will tell that the school, saloon, house of prostitution flourished in close proximity; that the capitalist worked his employees under conditions which precluded soundness of body; that the labor union man dynamited buildings; that whilst we sent missionaries to convert the Moslems and the Buddhists, ten thousand murders were committed annually in our midst, and that a large percentage of our mortality was due to preventable disease."

### States Should Aid Effort.

"In each state there should be a hygienic laboratory equipped with able men supplied with facilities for the study of sanitary conditions and for the prosecution of scientific research. The Hygienic Laboratory at Washington should be developed into a great institution for research which would improve the conditions of life."

### Thousands Are In Attendance.

The annual meeting of the American Medical association opened here today with thousands of physicians and surgeons from all parts of the United States and Canada in attendance. The proceedings of the opening session included an address of welcome by Dr. Enoch Hollingshead, president of the Medical Society of New Jersey. The session was presided over by Dr. John A. Witherspoon of Nashville, the retiring president of the association. The report of the committee on arrangements was followed by the introduction of President-elect

A great deal of speculation has been rife as to the nature of the plan to be proposed at the forthcoming conciliation meeting, particularly the way it will deal with two or three main issues, such as the relation to the employment of medicine and surgery were held during the day.

## CARRANZA WILL NOT AGREE TO THE LATEST PEACE PLAN SAYS PRIVATE SECRETARY

### THREE KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO AT GREENVILLE, MICH.

Greenville, Mich., June 23.—Mrs. Roy Beardslee, two year old son, and Mrs. C. C. Merritt, were killed, and another perhaps fatally injured, when an automobile, carrying four women and a boy were struck by a Pere Marquette train here today.

## MEN OF HOXIE, KANSAS, TAKE TO THE FIELDS

Dearth of Harvest Hands Causes an Almost Deserted Town

Hoxie, Kansas, June 23.—Hoxie is an almost deserted village. The men have gone to the wheat fields. The rush started today when a delegation of farmers came to town, lamenting the fact that harvest hands imported from the east quit their jobs because of the heat.

"We've got to have help quick," declared the leader of the delegation at a meeting of business men called to discuss the situation.

Half an hour after the gathering dispersed the town barbers posted signs on their doors, reading: "Shaves and haircuts Saturdays only." The doors of the courthouse were locked and every county official donned old clothes. Merchants turned their stores over to young women clerks, lawyers forgot their fees, the editor placed his wife in charge of the "shop," and then the army of business men took to the fields.

## EXPECT TO GET PETRAS' JURY BY END OF WEEK

Geneva, Ill., June 23.—Tony Petras, on trial for the murder of his former fiancée, Theresa Hollander, who was clubbed to death in the Aurora cemetery, said today he "liked the looks" of the hundred men summoned in a special jury panel, and the attorneys began to hope that a jury might be obtained by the end of the week, although no juror has yet been accepted.

Petras' girlish wife was at his side in the courtroom and they laughed and smiled at each other as though they had not a care in the world. The courtroom was packed.

Bailiff Gary, who yesterday succeeded Henry Young, today gave way to Warren Andras. Gary said he had too much other work in the sheriff's office. Young was objected to yesterday by the prosecution.

### MODEL CITY TO BE BUILT FOR THE LEITER CHILDREN

Child-size Houses Will Make Up Miniature Community.

Washington, June 23.—For the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter of Chicago, a model village of child-size houses is to be built surrounding the million-dollar Leiter mansion on the Virginia shore of the Potomac river.

There are two children, Joseph, Jr., aged five, and John, aged three. Included in the little village will be a chapel, school, gymnasium, swimming pool and two dwelling houses, one for each boy. Later, if not at once, each boy will sleep in his little house, with a servant for company.

The chapel, of course, will be used for the religious services of the family. The school house will be devoted entirely to the children's education and its routine will be conducted with the same strictness that marks the public school. The gymnasium will be fitted with a complete equipment of modern apparatus, and the physical training of the two boys will be supervised by a competent instructor. It is the purpose of the Leiters to train the boys in body and mind at the same time. Furthermore, the boys will be required to manage their own households on allowances provided by their parents, in order to train them in the responsibilities of handling money.

Victor C. Vaughn, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who delivered the annual address. In addition to the general session a number of sectional meetings devoted to various departments in the practice of medicine and surgery were held during the day.

## Will Not Send Representatives to Meet Informally With Huerta Agents to Select Provisional President

### MEDIATORS HOPEFUL

Proceed With Arrangements for Conferences Between Delegates of the Rival Factions-- Villa's Power Is Increasing

New Orleans, June 23.—Carranza will not accept the invitation of the United States to send representatives to meet informally with agents of Huerta in any endeavor to select a provisional president, according to a statement here today of Alfred Breckda, private secretary to Carranza and a member of the latest commission Carranza is sending to Washington, and of which Fernando Calderon, leader of the Liberal party in Mexico, and R. F. Vicencia, an official of Saltillo, are other members.

"Carranza is firm in his attitude that he will not treat with Huerta, except on the battlefield," Breckda told the Associated Press representative.

"We are on a very important mission to Washington, of which we cannot talk, but it is not to meet with representatives of Huerta, formally or informally," he said.

#### Preparations For Conferences.

Niagara Falls, June 23.—The mediators and American and Huerta delegates occupied today in making arrangements for the informal conferences between representatives of Carranza and Huerta on whom will rest the burden of selecting an individual for provisional president of Mexico. Details are lacking and they depended on the traveling arrangements of the Constitutional representatives who are en route here.

The fact that the warring factions are to be brought together to discuss the personnel for the provisional government has encouraged the mediation colony generally to hope for a settlement. There are many, however, who are no more sanguine than before that the vexed question of the personality of government can be settled successfully by diplomacy. It is an assured fact, nevertheless, that the United States will insist on a settlement that carries graver consequences ensue.

#### Victory For Villa Faction.

El Paso, Texas, June 23.—The removal of General Trevino as Carranza's chief of staff, and of Ysidro Pabla, acting minister of foreign relations in the Constitutional cabinet, reported from Saltillo, is taken by the revolutionists here as a victory for the Villa faction.

The prospective appointment of Eduardo F. Hay as Trevino's successor is hailed as agreeable to both factions. Hay is now chief of staff of General Turbe in Sinaloa. He won his spurs in the Maderist revolution. He was a hero of the first battle at Casas Grandes, where he lost an eye. He is a civil engineer and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

Fabela, a young attorney of Mexico City, took a conspicuous part in the drafting of Carranza's notes to Washington and Niagara Falls, and it is predicted that Luis Cabrera, now in Washington, will succeed him. The presence near Carranza of Hay and Cabrera would create a different attitude on the part of the rebel government, both internally and internationally, is the belief of local observers.

#### Will Evacuate Guaymas.

El Paso, Texas, June 23.—The federal garrison is preparing to evacuate Guaymas, according to information received by Minister of Communications Bonillas in Carranza's cabinet. Bonillas is here, en route to Saltillo.

#### Missing Marine's Identity.

Washington, June 23.—General Funston today reported that the marine private who disappeared from the American lines at Vera Cruz on June 20 is Heinrich Thob, lately under observation as to his mental condition. His disappearance caused some alarm. Funston made no mention of the possibility of the marine having been taken by the Mexicans.

#### MRS. WESTINGHOUSE DEAD.

Lennox, Mass., June 23.—Mrs. George Westinghouse, widow of the electrical inventor, died today. She suffered a paralytic stroke yesterday.